

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided a plane light source unit having a plane light pipe constituted by upper and lower surfaces and an incidence side surface which is one of side surfaces between 5 the upper and lower surfaces, and a linear light pipe including a light supply surface and having a refractive index higher than that of the plane light pipe. At least one point light source is disposed on the linear light pipe, and light incident from the at least one point light source is converted into light 10 of a linear light source by the linear light pipe. The linear light pipe is disposed so as to make the light supply surface of the linear light pipe face the incidence side surface of the plane light pipe, and light of the linear light source exiting from the light supply surface so as to be incident on the incidence 15 side surface is converted into light of a plane light source by means of the plane light pipe. There is further provided a liquid-crystal display device at least having the plane light source unit and a liquid crystal cell.